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SUBJECT: GOM REQUEST FOR MORE DETECTOR DOGS AND HANDLERS ON
TDY ASSIGNMENT TO MEXICO

REF: A) MEXICO 3967, B) STATE 40336

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOM
FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL DETECTOR DOGS AND HANDLERS, TO BE PROVIDED
ON TDY BASIS FOR LIMITED TIME DURING INTERDICTION PHASE OF
GOM ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN. WE ENDORSE THIS REQUEST.
END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE REQUEST OF THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ANTI-
DRUG CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, DR ALEJANDRO GERTZ, THERE IS NOW
ONE U.S. CUSTOMS DOG AND HANDLER TEAM WORKING IN BAJA CALI-
FORNIA. AS REFTELS INDICATE, THERE ARE ALSO TWO GOM TRAINEES
CURRENTLY UNDERGOING INSTRUCTION BY U.S. CUSTOMS IN DOG HAND-
LING.

3. ON MARCH 29 DR. GERTZ TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED
WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DOG ALREADY IN COUNTRY, NOTING
THAT THE DOG HAD MADE SEVERAL DETECTIONS WHICH WOULD PROBABLY
HAVE BEEN MISSED BY HUMAN INSPECTORS. (NOTE: IN FURTHER
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EVIDENCE OF THE DOG'S EFFECTIVENESS, APRIL 4 PRESS REPORTED

THAT "SCOTTY" HAD LOCATED 22 LINERS OF LIQUID MARIJUANA AND THREE TONS OF DRY MARIJUANA AT CABO SAN LUCAS, BAJA CALIFORNIA). GERTZ SAID THAT THE TWO AGENTS NOW IN TRAINING WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THIS SUMMER, AFTER THE END OF THE INTENSIVE INTERDICTION CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. HE ASKED THEREFORE IF U.S.G. COULD SUPPLY AN ADDITIONAL FOUR DOG/HANDLER TEAMS TO WORK THE FRONTIER AREA ON TDY DURING THE INTERDICTION CAMPAIGN. EMBOFF ASKED THAT HE SEND EMBASSY A MEMORANDUM TO THIS EFFECT, TO MAKE THE REQUEST AS OFFICIAL AS POSSIBLE, AND TO EMPHASIZE THE SERIOUSNESS HE ATTACHED TO IT. ON APRIL 2 WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE:

BEGIN TEXT: (IN TRANSLATION)

CONFIRMING OUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS REGARDING THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONSISTING IN DETECTOR DOGS AND THEIR INSTRUCTORS (HANDLERS) FOR THE SEARCHES AND INSPECTION FOR DRUGS, I ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN APPEALING TO THE U.S. CUSTOMS BUREAU IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FOR A LIMITED TIME FOUR TEAMS OF DOGS WITH THEIR INSTRUCTORS (HANDLERS), UNTIL OUR OWN TEAMS CAN BEGIN WORKING. END TEXT.

4. MISSION SUPPORTS DR GERTZ' REQUEST (WHICH HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL), AND URGES THAT IF POSSIBLE THE TDY DOG/HANDLER TEAMS BE PROVIDED THE GOM IN TIME FOR USE DURING THE PRESENT INTENSIFIED INTERDICTION CAMPAIGN. WE SUGGEST THE TDY PERIOD RUN SIX WEEKS, FROM 19 APRIL TO 29 MAY. THOMPSON

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